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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **High-Performance, Superscalar-Based Computer System With Out-Of-Order Instruction Execution**
Inventors: NGUYEN *et al.*
Our Ref: SP015.C16(1397.028000G)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$180.00 to cover the IDS fee;
2. Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO-1449 listing ELEVEN (11) documents (2 pages); and
4. ONE (1) return postcard.

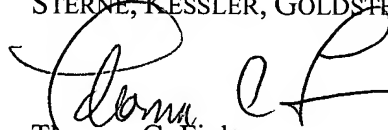
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Respectfully submitted,

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Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).
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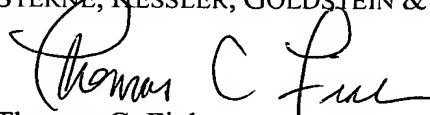
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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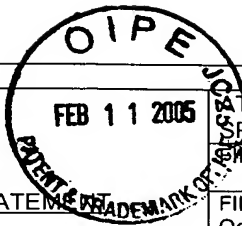
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